PATENT

Docket No.: 041-1790B

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

TAKAYUKI SUGAHARA

Serial No. 09/469,499

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Group Art Unit: 2713

Examiner:

METHOD OF PROTECTION OF DATA REPRODUCTION, AND REPRODUCTION For:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Please rewrite the title as follows:

-- METHOD OF PROTECTION OF DATA REPRODUCTION, AND

REPRODUCTION APPARATUS PROVIDING PROTECTION OF DATA

REPRODUCTION--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before the first line, after the previously inserted sentence "This application is a

divisional of Application Serial No. 08/940,941 filed 9/30/97", please insert, --which is a

continuation application of Serial No. 08/391,861 filed 2/22/95--.